The central sector scheme of Upgradation of Merit of SC and ST students is an independent scheme and is being implemented by M/o Social Justice and Empowerment for SC students and by M/o Tribal Affairs for ST students.

(d) **Scheme for SC students**

No evaluation of the central sector scheme of Upgradation of Merit of SC students have been done.

Scheme for ST students

An evaluation study for the Upgradation of Merit scheme for ST students has been commissioned for the year 2005-06.

(e) Number of beneficiaries under the central sector scheme of Upgradation of Merit of SC and ST students for the last three years (2003-04 to 2005-06) is as under:

Category	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
SC students	1378	1334	4398
ST students	512	303	658

Salaries paid to teachers in aided schools for disabled children

2549. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the great discrepancy that now exists between the monthly payments sanctioned for teachers in aided schools for disabled children and the salaries sanctioned for block-level teachers of disabled children by Ministry of Human Resource Development; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to raise scales of teachers in the aided schools to the same level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Special schools for disabled children run by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) are assisted under the 'Scheme to Promote

Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities'. The assistance includes honorarium for teachers engaged by NGOs. The Ministry of Human Resource Development provides assistance to State Governments under 'Scheme of Integrated Education of Disabled Children'. Teachers for the purpose are recruited following the normal recruitment procedure of the State Government concerned, which is not the case in the 'Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities'.

As the two schemes are different, their norms for financial assistance cannot be compared.

Rehabilitation of mentally ill persons

†2550. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that large number of mentally ill persons are not being accepted by their families even after getting cured; and

(b) the number of such persons alongwith the schemes being formulated by Government for their subsistence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Information is being collected.

Talent upgradation of tribal students in M.P.

†2551. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under talent upgradation scheme for tribal students in Madhya Pradesh total 172 awards are fixed wherein 43 awards each are given from class 9th to 12th;

(b) whether it is a fact that in view of the tribal population in the State these awards are very few in number;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.